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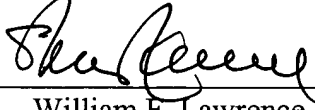
Applicant respectfully requests the status of the above-identified application.

Applicant received a paper from the PTO dated February 28, 2004, indicating that all claims in the application were allowable. However, the paper also stated, "due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of this letter." The paper also states, "Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application". Since the letter is dated February 18, 2004, we are submitted this status inquiry before August 18, 2004.

Applicant believes there is no fee for this action. However, if it is determined that there is a fee, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 50-0320

Respectfully submitted,

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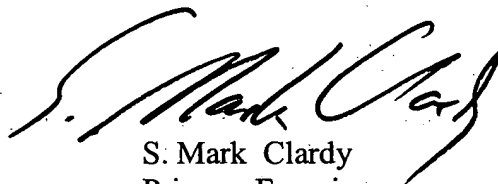
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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S. Mark Clardy whose telephone number is 571-272-0611. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:20 - 3:50.

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